

Remarks

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1-5, 8, and 10-16 are pending in the application. Claims 10-12 are allowed. Claims 1-5, 8, and 13-16 are rejected. Claims 1, 10, and 13 are independent. Claims 1 and 13 have been amended.

All Claims Should be Allowable

The Action allows claims 10-12. [Action, at § 31, page 14.] In addition, the Action objects to claim 17 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. [Action, at § 30, page 14.]

Applicants have considered the allowable language of claims 10-12 and 17 and have made the following amendments:

a) Independent claim 1 has been amended to recite language similar to that of claims 10 and 17. Thus, claim 1, as amended, recites:

reading a device defect configuration file representing at least one defect behavior to be applied to a type of packet transmitted as part of a message for a transmitted via the device connectivity protocol;

upon production of a valid packet for the emulated device, as part of a message, the valid packet being of a type for which a defect behavior is represented in the device defect configuration file, applying the defect behavior to the valid packet upon producing the packet to create an invalid packet for the emulated device; and

transmitting the invalid packet for the emulated device as modified by applying the defect behavior.

b) Claims 6, 7, and 9 have been cancelled.

c) Claim 8, which previously depended from claim 6, has been amended to depend from claim 1.

c) Independent claim 13 has been amended to recite the language of dependent claim 17, thus claim 13 now recites:

program code for reading a device defect configuration file representing in a tagged text format at least one defect behavior to be applied to a type of packet transmitted from the emulation of the device within the device connectivity architecture;

program code for applying the defect behavior to a packet upon producing the packet of a type for which a defect behavior is represented in the device defect configuration file; and

program code for transmitting the packet as modified by applying the defect behavior.

After these amendments, independent claims 1, 10, and 13 each recite allowable language and are thus allowable. Dependent claims 2-5, 8, 11-12, and 14-16, each of which depend from one of claims 1, 10, or 13, are thus allowable as well. Applicants therefore respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for claims 1-5, 8, and 10-16.

Interview Request

If the claims are not found by the Examiner to be allowable, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney to set up an interview to discuss this application.


Conclusion

The claims in their present form should be allowable. Such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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